Caused publick Notice to be given Intimateing our
Intentions to meet on the said Land called Authurs ch
on the 12th day of May 1739 on which day we accordingly
meet on the said Land and proceed to take the deposition
hereunto annexed Given under our hands & seals this 12
day of May 1739 ---------- William Bond (Seal)
Edward Day (Seal)
Walter Tolley (Seal)
William Galloway (Seal)

Baltimore County ss. May 12th 1739 the deposition of Oliver Hamm
aged Sixty Six years or there abouts being Sworn on the
Holly Evangelist of almighty god deposeth and saith
that forty years agoe or thereabouts he knew a bounded
Read Oake which oake was the beginning tree of Authurs
choice and Spring neck which said tree was then standing
which is Since fallen on the ground and decayed and
deponant further saith that Walter Bosley told this depo
nant that the beginning tree of the above authurs choice &
Spring Neck was the beginning tree of this Land as the said
Bosley told this deponant and this deponant further saith
that the above said bounded tree stood within ten yards of wh
this deponant now standeth or there abouts and within on
or two perches of a small creek Runing into the main m
of Birds River which said creek is within five or six pe
of a certain Edward Thomas's dwelling Plantation & fur
this deponant saith not Taken by vertue of a Commission
granted to William Bosley April 2d 1739 out of Baltimore County Seal
county court and Executed by us the subscribers May
the 12th 1739 ---------- William Bond (Seal)
Edward Day (Seal)
Walter Tolley (Seal)
William Galloway (Seal)

The Deposition of John Greer aged fifty years or the
abouts deposeth and saith that about forty years or the
abouts that his uncle James Smithers shewed him abo
nded Read Oak where this deponant now standes or there a
bouts and the said Smithers told him it was a bounded tree
of Authurs choice and the said tree stood about forty or fi
yards from my Fathers dwelling house which was upon
the South side of Birds River and by a small draft, tha
Runing into great marsh of Birds River where the s
deponant now stands and further saith not Taken b
Vertue of a Commission granted William Bosley April
1739 out of Baltimore county court and Executed by us th
Subscribers May the 12th 1739 ... William Bond (Seal)
Edward Day (Seal)
Walter Tolley (Seal)
William Galloway (Seal)

June court 1739 By Baltimore County Court it is therefore or
that the foregoing Petition Land Commission & Return
Vall the proceeding there to Relateing be recorded

Signed per Order Wells Stokes Clk. Co. Ct.

Richard Johns's petition
and Commission Grd.

To the worshipfull the Justices of
Baltimore County Court now setting The
petition of Richard Johns of Calvert County Humbly Sheweth
That your Petitioner is seized in fee of a certain Tract of Land
called mothers Clear lying in Baltimore County and on the Bra
nches of Gunpowder River and on the south side of the south
Branch of said River and for as much as but few people are
now liveing that are acquainted with the bounds of the said
Land, and Some of them are Decaying your petitioner therefore
Humbly prays your Worships will Issue a Commission to Exa
mine Evidences Concerning the bounds of the same Land or
any other Lands on which the same may Depend and your
Petitioner as in Duty bound shall pray

March Court 1738. — Which petition being red and by the Justices of the said
Court heard was Accordingly Granted and Mess.rs William Bond
John Wilmott, Thomas Franklin, Darby Henly, was appointed
Commissioners to Examine Evidences Relateing to the bounds
of the said Land and it was thereupon Ordered that a Commission
Should Issue returnable with all Convenient speed Directed to
the above said Commission for that purpose

Baltimore County ss. Charles absolute Lord & Propry of the provinces of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Barron of Baltimore &c. To Mess.rs William
Bond John Wilmott Thomas Franklin & Darby Henly of
Baltimore County Gent. Greeting Whereas Richard Johns
of Calvert County by his Humble petition to our justices of
our County aforesaid at a Court held at the Town of Joppa
in and for the same County the first Tuesday of this Instant
obtained a Commission to prove the bounds of a tract of
Land called mothers Care lying in Baltimore County on
the Branches of Gunpowder River and on the South
Side of the South Branch of the said River
These therefore to Impower any three or Two of you (having
first Taken your Oath before our said County Court or Some Maj
estrate duly and Impartially to Examine and Testifie the Evide
) to Issue Summons for all such Evidences as shall be to you
Nominated by the petitioner or other persons Concerned to app
before you at a certain day (by you to be appointed) upon the
aforesaid Land also to Examine all such Evidences upon their
Corporall Oath (by you to be administred) of their knowledge
Concerning the Severall Bounds of the said Land also carefu
to reduce (what such Evidences shall declare) into writeing
in the presence of all the parties Concerned that shall be there
present and return the same at the Town of Joppa with all
Convenient Speed and there to be recorded in perpetuall me
and you are hereby required (before you meet on the said Land)
where all persons Concerned live in the County or where they a
not known to affix publick Notes at the Parrish Church
where the said Land lieth three Sundays at the Least be for
your meeting Intimateing your Intentions and the time y
shall appoint and to Cause the like notice to be put up in the
most publick places of the County Twenty day before your
meeting and you are here by further required that (where any
person or persons Interested are known to live out of the
County you Cause the like Notice to be given by affixing
a Note at the Church Door of the parrish in which the pla